MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE THAILAND RESEARCH FUND
AND
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

I. Purpose

Whereas The Thailand Research Fund (TRF) sponsors the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. (RGJ-Ph.D.) Program, Research and Researchers for Industries Program (RRI) and the international Research Network Program of TRF (IRN), innovative mechanisms for promoting international exchanges and forging research partnerships between faculty and students from universities in Thailand and abroad;

And whereas Iowa State University wishes to strengthen relationships with academic and research institutions in Thailand and other countries;

And whereas the parties wish to promote scholarly ties, increase faculty cooperation, and promote graduate training in such areas as science and technology;

Therefore, the TRF and ISU agree to enter into an agreement for educational exchange.

II. General Framework

This agreement will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the TRF and ISU and is intended to facilitate faculty collaboration and graduate student training. To the extent feasible, both parties will encourage direct contact between faculty members, departments, and research centers under the provisions of this agreement. Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the following general forms of cooperation will be encouraged:

1. Joint research and publication activities.
2. Joint training of graduate students
3. Exchange of faculty and staff for research, advising, and discussion
4. Other such areas as may be agreed

Themes of joint activities and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved, as well as arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be developed mutually for each specific case, subject to available funding.

III. A Program of Joint Graduate Training

Qualified students selected for joint training will be approved by a faculty advisor at the home university in Thailand as well as by a faculty advisor at ISU. Students will become eligible for research training at ISU but may not enroll in courses for credit under the terms of this program.
Unless otherwise specified under the terms of implementation, it is understood that TRF will endeavor to provide the following benefits under this program.

- Airfare and maintenance costs for Thai Ph.D. students sent to ISU for research training for periods of up to 1 year
- Airfare for the Thai faculty advisor visiting ISU for 1 week
- Maintenance costs for ISU faculty advisor visiting Thai university for 1 week
- Health insurance for Thai Ph.D. students sent to ISU for periods of up to 1 year and for the Thai advisor during short visits to ISU

Participating ISU Colleges will each develop an addendum to this agreement specifying the funding details for the five year period of this agreement. Faculty will be encouraged to utilize ISU Foreign Travel Grants and ISU Council on International Programs funding opportunities to help meet some of the costs of their participation in this program. They are also encouraged to apply to the Thailand Research Fund for international travel grants.

It is anticipated by the parties that up to 12 students and their advisors may participate over the course of this program. This number may be adjusted by either or both of the parties, subject to mutual agreement and available resources dedicated for this purpose.

IV. Duration

This agreement shall take effect upon signature by both parties and shall remain in force for five years. Six months prior to the termination date, the parties will conduct a full review of this agreement and any further implementing agreements signed pursuant to it, and assess the feasibility and desirability of continuing cooperation.

V. Signatories

For The Thailand Research Fund:  

S. Jitpimolmard  
Professor Suthipun Jitpimolmard  
Director  

Date: __________________________

For Iowa State University:

[Signature]  
Professor Jonathan Wickert  
Senior Vice President and Provost  

Date: 9.26.10
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
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AND  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  

This addendum was jointly developed and agreed to by the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and The Thailand Research Fund under the framework of the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program, Research and Researchers for Industries Program (RRI) and the International Research Network Program of TRF (IRN). Both parties wish to promote scholarly ties, increase faculty cooperation, and promote graduate training in such areas as science and technology.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will provide the following contributions to this cooperative program during the five year term of the MOU between The Thailand Research Fund and Iowa State University.

- Lodging costs for Thai faculty advisors who are supervising a qualified PhD student who is receiving research training from a faculty member with a majority appointment in the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This support is limited to one week of lodging expenses in Ames for the first 5 advisors visiting ISU during the term of the agreement. The source of the funds will be the Global Agriculture Programs office.
- Airport pick-up and return for Thai advisors visiting the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- Continuing salary and benefits for the ISU advisor during his/her supervisory visits to Thailand as long as the visit occurs during the period of their normal service during the year.
- Participating advisors from the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are responsible for securing funds for their airfare to Thailand through funds provided by The Thailand Research Fund, through applications to the ISU Faculty Senate Foreign Travel Grant program, and through applications to the ISU Council on International Programs.

Signatories

For The Thailand Research Fund:  

S. Jitpimolmard  
Professor Suthipun Jitpimolmard  
Director

Date:

For the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:

Professor Wendy Wintersteen  
Dean and Director

Date: 9-9-16